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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN-DPRK RELATIONS

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1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT UNGA KOREAN DEBATE OR OUTCOME OF VOTE ON FRIENDLY KOREAN RES WILL BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY OPENING OF NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN CANBERRA. IT MAY CAUSE SOME STRAIN, HOWEVER, ON WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AUSTRALIANS AND SOUTH KOREANS HERE IN NEW YORK. WE REALIZE FIRM AUSTRALIAN DECISION NOT TO COSPONSOR FRIENDLY RES. IN VIEW OF THIS NEW AUSTRALIAN GESTURE TOWARDS NORTH KOREA, HOWEVER, WE WOULD HOPE THAT AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY COULD BALANCE IT WITH DECISION TO PERMIT AUSTRALIAN UN MISSION TO LOBBY ON BEHALF OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN NEW YORK.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY CANBERRA MAKE SUGGESTION TO THIS EFFECT TO AUSTRALIA FOREIGN MINISTRY. FYI: GIVEN AUSTRALIAN DECISION TO VOTE IN SECURITY COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF SOUTH AFRICAN EXPULSION, ITS STOCK HAS RISEN IN AFRICAN EYES AND IT COULD PERFORM SOME VALUABLE LOBBYING IN AN AREA WHERE OUR SUPPORT IS WEAKEST.

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